

THE CATALYST

Quarterly catchup with the

COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT
CORPORATION
OF HENRY COUNTY



APA SOLAR EXPANSION

if you've driven through Ridgeville Corners lately, you've probably seen APA Solar's new corporate headquarters being built. The solar racking company is investing \$8M in the new modern complex which will also add 53 new, high-quality corporate level jobs. The Mel Lanzer Company has been the local contractor on the site working to get the building complete by Q4 this year. APA is also investing towards a new manufacturing facility in Williams County, expanding their manufacturing footprint. Read more [here](#).

New
Member
Alert!



Announcements & Deadlines



- 07/1-7/31 - TechCred Round 4 Open
- 7/2 - US SBA Capital Readiness for Existing Businesses - Register
- 7/3 - Deadline to register for the MVPO/SBDC Lunch & Learn
- 7/30 - Deadline to register for the Business @ Breakfast with CAM

DIRECTORS PITCH

DYK - In 2022 the former Wal-Mart building on Oakwood Avenue was sold to a company in Perrysburg named **Thermaduct**. Over the years, the owner has been quietly restoring the interior and redoing the facade of the building. Thermaduct is utilizing the back portion of the building for their warehouse and distribution center. In the future, they will have a training center and offices builtout in the north side of the building. The front half of the building has been sub-leased to the **JGB Sports Facility**. I am beyond thrilled to see both signs up on the building now. A great use of space that was sitting vacant for years. All that was needed was a vision!

Jen



SAVE
THE DATE!

7/9 - LUNCH & LEARN WITH
MVPO & NW OHIO SBDC
7/31 - CIC 50TH ANNIVERSARY
NETWORKING EVENT
8/7 - BUSINESS @ BREAKFAST
WITH THE CENTER FOR
ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING/BGSU

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Ohio Small Business Insider

JobsOhio is leading the Small Business Advisory Council and Regional Roundtables, a collaboration with state entities and business experts working to provide resources and support to entrepreneurs in Ohio. JobsOhio and the Small Business Advisory Council are working in partnership to bring awareness about funding, resources, and educational opportunities for entrepreneurs. The goal of this newsletter is to highlight resources to help entrepreneurs grow their businesses in Ohio.

JobsOhio Small Business Resources: Helping You Every Step of Your Journey

Building a business isn't easy — but you don't have to do it alone. JobsOhio is committed to empowering Ohio's entrepreneurs and small businesses with the tools, support, and funding they need to succeed. Whether you're just getting started or scaling to the next level, we partner with a range of programs and education designed to meet you where you are.

BUILD

Lightship Bootcamps

3-day intensive bootcamp to introduce companies to the economic development ecosystem and provide mentorship through products, sales, marketing, etc.

Launchpad

6-week cohort for entrepreneurs that provides tools and documentation to expedite the growth path.

GROW

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

Gain practical skills to grow your business over a 12-week program. Topics include financial statements, negotiations, and marketing.

JobsOhio Small Business Grant

Get up to \$50,000 for business expansions including real estate investments, machinery, equipment, training and more.

THRIVE

JobsOhio Small Business Academy, Powered by Aileron

12-month professional management program for JobsOhio Small Business Grant recipients.



First Cohort Completes JobsOhio Small Business Academy, Powered by Aileron

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Aspire Women's Book of Business Launches

The [Aspire Women's Book of Business](#) is a dynamic platform that shines a spotlight of recognition and celebration to honor women business owners, the firms championing their momentum, and the investors, allies, and advocates driving economic growth.

Published by the Women's Center for Economic Opportunity (WCEO), a Columbus-based 501(c)(3), this annual publication tells inspiring stories of collaboration, innovation, and shared prosperity across our region.

The book highlights over 100 Central Ohio small business women and their allies.

Copies of the book are available at www.womensceo.org/product-page/aspire-women-s-book-of-business.

Click Here

Upcoming Events



- **July 16–18:** [Black Tech Week](#)
- **August 25–27:** [Chillicothe Lightship Bootcamp](#)
- **Sept. 2–4:** [Toledo Lightship Bootcamp](#)
- **Oct. 14–16:** [Cleveland Lightship Bootcamp](#)
- **Oct. 20–22:** [Youngstown Lightship Bootcamp](#)

LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday
July 9, 2025

12:00 – 1:30PM

1831 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, Ohio 43545



Upcoming EVENTS

OUR SPEAKERS



NIKKI REESE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
/RLF DIRECTOR
MAUMEE VALLEY
PLANNING ORGANIZATION



LISA BECHER
SMALL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CENTER
CONSULTANT
NORTHWEST OHIO SBDC
AT NORTHWEST STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CIC Member - Free to attend
Non CIC Member - \$20.00

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Join us for an engaging Lunch & Learn featuring Nikki Reese and Lisa Becher. This dynamic duo will share valuable insights on microloans, low-interest revolving loan funds, business planning resources, and strategies to grow and support your small business or community project. Whether you're a new entrepreneur, a seasoned business owner, or involved in community development, you'll walk away with practical tools and connections to move your goals forward.

**PLEASE RSVP TO THE FOLLOWING
EMAIL BY JULY 3RD.**

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BUSINESS AT BREAKFAST

FEATURING



OUR SPEAKERS



FORD WEBER
PROGRAM MANAGER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIPS



JERI STEINBROOK
WORKFORCE TRAINING
COORDINATOR

Join us for an insightful morning as we welcome the Center to Advance Manufacturing, a vital force uniting industry, higher education, and economic development in Northwest Ohio. Learn how this innovation hub is helping manufacturers address critical challenges—from workforce development and supply chains to cutting-edge technologies like Industry 4.0. Discover how the Center, powered by a partnership between Bowling Green State University, Owens Community College, and the University of Findlay, is building a stronger talent pipeline, reshaping training, and driving research to ensure Ohio remains a leader in advanced manufacturing.

Whether you're a small business or a large enterprise, come see how the Center is your "one-stop shop" for talent, training, and transformation.

Thursday,
August 7,
2025

8:30-9:30AM

LOCATION
TBD



Economic development member- Free
Non Member - \$20.00

breakfast is provided

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EMAIL BY JULY 30TH**

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HAPPY

50th

Save the date on Thursday, July 31st for a
networking celebration for the CLC's
50th Anniversary
Official Invite to come soon!

Thursday, July 31, 2025

4:00 - 6:00pm

Location TBD

Team Shank Invites you to...

OPEN HOUSE

07.11

10AM - 7PM

07.12

8AM - 2PM

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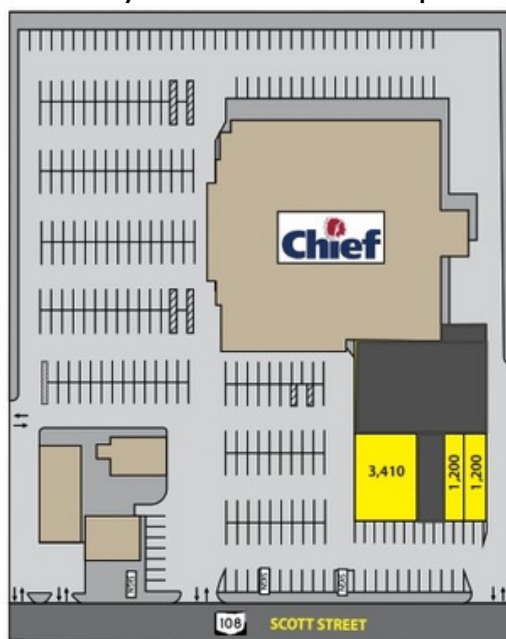


**1247-1255 N. SCOTT ST.
NAPOLEON, OH 43545**

FEATURED AVAILABLE PROPERTY

The property is located in the Chief's Plaza along N. Scott Street, Napoleon. There are three (3) separate units available.

- 18,834 square feet of in-line retail shops.
- Approximately 15,800 vehicles per day along N. Scott Street



TENANT	SF
AVAILABLE	3,410
LOI SECURED	1,600
AVAILABLE	1,200
AVAILABLE	1,200

AVAILABLE
 NOT A PART

Contact for more details:

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